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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,	First Named Inventor	Silvano Gai et al.	
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.	Group Art Unit	2163	

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to

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